East Windsor Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes for Thursday April 7, 2011

Opening:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. At the East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room by the Chairman Ernie Teixeira. There were eight members present: Ernie Teixeira, Jim Barton, Ed Filipone, Ron Hwalek, George Butenkoff, Chris Wentworth, Rick Webster and Gil Hayes. A quorum was established.

Absent: Scott Morgan

Guest Present: Ken Crouch, and Caroline Madore

Chairman, Ernie Teixeira, led the commission in reciting The "Pledge of Allegiance."

<u>Korean War Veterans Citations</u>, each commission member was handed out a half dozen citations to be delivered to each Korean War Veteran.

Scholarships, A brief discussion on scholarships was held, the commission decided that we would still award one male and one female, East Windsor High School student each, a \$500 scholarship, that had a parent or grandparent that had served in the United States military, that was honorably discharged. Ron Hwalek asked if the commission had increased the scholarship amounts last year. Ernie said he'd ask Scott Morgan to review last years minutes, to see if the commission had increased the amount of the scholarships.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Ed Filipone, Submitted an accounting of our treasury status for those present to review.

George Butenkoff made a MOTION: to accept treasurer's report

Seconded by Ron Hwalek

Motion passed unanimously

treasurer Ed Filipone asked for a motion to move \$2,000 from the revolving account to the trust account. George Butenkoff made the **MOTION** and Ron Hwalek seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Secretary's Report: no secretary's account (Scott Morgan was absent)

<u>Honorary Member:</u> Ed Filipone made a **MOTION** to make Ken Crouch a honorary member of the East Windsor Veterans Commission, seconded by Ernie Teixeria.

Motion passed Unanimously

<u>Flags:</u> A brief discussion was held about the flags on main street in Warehouse Point and Broad Brook, on the telephone poles. Ken Crouch said that he would deliver the flags to chairman Ernie Teixeira's house. Ernie said he would explore borrowing or renting a bucket truck, to put up flags on the telephone poles, and to have them put up before East Windsor's Community Day (held on May 7). **MOTION** George Butenkoff made a motion to appropriate \$500 for the use of a bucket truck if

needed seconded by Gil Hayes

Motion passed Unanimously

Ed Filipone said, that he will order flags for the cemetery and the Warehouse Point Town Green.

24 pole flags

12 poles

12 brackets

Cemetery flags for Memorial Day up to \$800. George made a **MOTION** to appropriate \$800 for the cemetery flags, pole flags, poles, and brackets. Seconded by Ron Hwalek

Motion Passed Unanimously

Ken Crouch said that he would get a price for the a new plaque, for the Flags that are on the main street of Warehouse Point and Broad Brook.

Ernie Teixeira reminded that the cemetery committee that the flags should be placed over veterans graves on the Saturday before Memorial Day.

<u>Added Agenda Items:</u> Guest Caroline Madore, spoke to the commission informing local veterans that there is a tax benefit, that they should take advantage of, for serving our country. Caroline mentioned that she will contact the JI to have something mentioned in the new paper.

<u>Memorial Day:</u> The first Selectman's office has contacted the general, and the band and course for memorial day ceremonies at the Warehouse Point Town Green. Bob Yoskski will set up the sound system for the ceremony and Mark Simmons has offered to be the MC for ceremony. Ed Filipone said that he will contact the mason building, and ask them if the commission can use their electricity for the ceremony.

<u>Vietnam Wall Project</u> From now on their will be meetings held, every Monday at the American Legion Post in East Windsor, at 6:00 P.M, until the Vietnam Wall Arrives in East Windsor.

Vietnam wall will be in East Windsor, May 19-22, 2011 at East Windsor Park Looking For Volunteers to provide security and company to "The Wall That Heals"

Hearing of no further business to come before the commission George Butenkoff made a **motion** to adjourn. Seconded by Gil Hayes motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman Ernie Teixeira closed the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

The next Veterans commission meeting will be on Mat 5, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. East Windsor Town Hall meeting room.

Submitted by'	
Scott M Morgan, Secretary of EWVC.	
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